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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 471, L.D. 678, Bill, "An Act to Require Completion of an Ambulance Operator Course"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Pilot project. The Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall conduct a pilot project to provide training for ambulance operators required under this Act and explore alternative funding sources for that training. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall hire a consultant through a competitive bidding process to set up, conduct and report on the results of the pilot project. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall report on the results of the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters by January 1, 2001. The report must contain a plan for implementation of this Act and any necessary implementing legislation. Following review of the report, the committee may introduce a bill regarding ambulance operator training to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine Emergency Medical Services**

2 All Other \$50,000

4 Appropriates one-time funds for a consultant
6 to conduct, evaluate and report on the pilot
8 project on ambulance operator training and
the pilot project.'

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by
14 \$16,839 in fiscal year 2000-01. As amended, this bill includes a
16 one-time General Fund appropriation for the Emergency Medical
18 Services program within the Department of Public Safety to
conduct a pilot program to provide training for ambulance
operators.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment directs the Department of Public Safety,
24 Maine Emergency Medical Services to set up a pilot project to
develop a plan for implementation of the ambulance operator
26 training requirements and report to the joint standing committee
of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters
28 by January 1, 2001. The committee may introduce legislation
following receipt of the study. The amendment replaces the
appropriation with a one-time appropriation of funds for a
30 consultant for the pilot project.

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